

# Farmington News

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## A Night of Honors

Incoming and outgoing Farmington City Council members were honored at the January 8th City Council meeting. Here are some highlights:

- New City Council Member Cory Ritz and returning members Rick Dutson and Sid Young were sworn in by former Mayor and current District Court Judge David M. Connors.
- Outgoing Councilman Larry Haugen was honored for his 12 years of service. Larry has been a long-time supporter of Farmington's historic downtown and has worked closely with the Historic Preservation Commission and Museum Board in opening the first museum in Farmington.
- Outgoing Planning Commission members Jim Talbot (5 years), Cory Ritz (6 years) and Andrew Hiller (2 years) were honored for their years of service.

In other business, Walt Hokanson and Ray White were presented the Safe Kids Award for their service in painting "Buckle Up" signs on city streets.



Judge David M. Connors, Councilman Rick Dutson, Councilman Sid Young and Councilman Cory Ritz



The following is the second of many articles that will be printed monthly in the Farmington newsletter about municipal services:

- ☒ Snow Removal
- ☒ Streets
- ☐ Storm Sewers & Maintenance
- ☐ Fire Protection Services
- ☐ Police Protection Services
- ☐ Parks & Recreation & Cemetery Services
- ☐ Planning, Zoning & Building Code Services
- ☐ Garbage Collection/ Culinary Water Services
- ☐ Administrative Services

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What would Farmington be like without paved asphalt streets, walkable concrete sidewalks, and curb to transport storm waters? Ultimately, although the public pays the bill for street maintenance, the purpose of this article is to get people thinking about the wonderful benefit of having safe, clean and well-maintained streets. Although Farmington streets are not perfect, the City tries to do a good job, considering financial constraints.

## Q WHAT TAXES DO I PAY TO MAINTAIN CITY STREETS?

**A** About 14% or \$78 (average) paid at the gas pump is eventually distributed back to the City. The City receives about \$500,000 per year. This amount pays 45% of the cost to maintain the City's streets each year. The other 55% is paid from other General Fund revenues like property and sales tax.

### Let's talk about maintenance of City streets. Did you know ...

The current total street budget for Farmington is about \$1.1 million per year. Of this amount \$700,000 is for operational costs and \$400,000 is for capital costs (equipment and major street repair).

A recent pavement management study authorized by the City reports that the City should be spending well over \$2 million per year on street resurfacing. Candidly, the \$500,000 received from the State for street maintenance is woefully insufficient to keep City streets maintained the way City officials would like them maintained. Skyrocketing oil price increases and concrete costs worsen the situation. The City's street-maintenance dollars buy about one-half of what they bought a few years ago.

Because of limited gasoline tax revenues, the City has for many years followed a policy that requires new growth (developers) to pay for road improvements. For the most part, the City does not build new roads, it just maintains them.

Presently, annual street resurfacing projects are decided on the basis of need, traffic volume and on the principles and recommendations included in the Street Pavement Management Plan recently completed by the City.

Some common measures City maintenance personnel take to extend the life of asphalt pavement includes:

- Sealing of surface cracks
- Application of slurry seals
- Maintaining drainage slopes of asphalt surfaces to allow water to run off rather than penetrate into the subgrade of the road

Street maintenance responsibility for the City is handled by the City's Public Works Department. In addition to pavement management, the street maintenance covered by the Department includes: signage maintenance, paint striping, curb and gutter and sidewalk maintenance and tree trimming in some instances.

The City maintains 150 lane miles of asphalt pavement within its street rights of way. It is nearly impossible to catch all deficiencies within these streets all of the time. The Public Works Department depends upon citizen reports of street deficiencies or road hazards. If any citizen sees a road hazard or a street deficiency, please notify the Public Works Department at 451-2624. Street lighting is currently maintained by Rocky Mountain Power. However, the City calls in to report damaged poles or non-functioning luminaries. Should a citizen notice a problem with street lighting, please call Public Works so they can file a report with Rocky Mountain Power. ■

## CITY TREASURER Retiring February 29, 2008

It's not that Gloria Anderson won't miss her co-workers or helping to prepare for Festival Days or getting to know the children at the city swimming pool. But after 25 years of government service, the last eight of which have been spent as Farmington's City Treasurer, Gloria wants to savor being a grandma and a homemaker.



Gloria Anderson  
Farmington City Treasurer

Gloria and her husband have three grandchildren "living right in my backyard" and a cabin waiting in Island Park, Idaho. But on her first day off, she plans simply to sleep in--something the half-hour commute between her home in Milton and her work in Farmington has rarely allowed her to do.

While over the years the traffic feels like it's tripled, her drive to work has always been worth it. "Farmington is an awesome town. The people here are fun to be with. I've learned to really love Farmington," Gloria explains. "And they've got such good administration. They've got such foresight on how to develop and let Farmington grow and how to keep it a nice place to live."

Gloria Anderson is one of the many workers whose diligence and skill keep our city running so well. She will be missed.

Thank you, Gloria, for your years of devoted service!



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## February 2008

Feb 5	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 6-9		Sweetheart Serenade Dinner Theater Community Arts Center	6:30 pm
Feb 6	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Feb 14	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Feb 19	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 19	TUES	Public Hearing (see detail page 6) 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Feb 20	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Feb 21	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main	7:00 pm
Feb 23	SAT	Auditions for Dinner Theater "Nunsense" Community Arts Center	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Feb 23	SAT	Fabulous Ballroom Dance Class Community Arts Center	7:30 pm
Feb 27	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main	7:00 pm public welcome
Feb 28	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm

## FARMINGTON CITY ORDINANCES

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Please remember that until the last day of February, no vehicle of any kind should be parked in the street right-of-way from 1:00 am to 7:00 am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

Within 48 hours after snow fall stops, citizens are required to remove snow on the public sidewalks fronting their residences. More snowplow information is available on the website.

A **BIG thanks** to residents who complied with Farmington City Ordinance to remove basketball standards from the public right of way.

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Sid Young  
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Max Forbush  
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### City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....451-2383  
City Manager.....939-9203  
Police Department.....451-5453  
Fire Department.....451-2842  
Public Works Department..451-2624  
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624  
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953  
Building Inspection.....451-2383  
Water Department.....451-2624  
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383  
Historical Museum.....451-4850  
Animal Control.....444-2200  
Garbage.....825-3800  
Benchland Water District...482-4929  
Weber Water District.....771-1677

### After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150  
Emergency.....911

### Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30 pm.

### Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall  
130 North Main  
P O Box 160  
Farmington, Utah 84025

### **"SWEETHEART SERENADE"**

a special Valentine's Dinner Theater  
with dancing  
February 6-9th, 6:30 pm  
Community Arts Center

### **ATTENTION ALL FARMINGTON GIRLS AGES 17-23**

Do you have an interest in competing for the title of  
Miss Farmington?

If so, please attend an orientation on Saturday,  
February 16th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the  
Community Arts Center.

Come and learn what the pageant involves.

Questions? Contact SueAnn Phillips at 447-8458

### **Spring Dinner Theater "NUNSENSE" AUDITIONS**

February 23rd, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Community Arts Center

### **Fabulous BALLROOM DANCE CLASS with Dancing & Refreshments**

February 23rd, 7:30 pm  
Community Arts Center  
Pre-registered: \$10/couple  
At the door: \$12/couple  
more info on the website

### **SENIOR CITIZEN NIGHT**

February 27th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Community Arts Center

The Farmington Festival Days  
Committee announces

a **LOGO DESIGN CONTEST** for  
FESTIVAL DAYS, theme "Remember When..."

Do you remember when

Festival Days was called Fiesta Days?

Contest deadline: 3/1/08, Festival Days 7/12/08

Information: visit the website

Miss Farmington Concert Series presents

### **JON SCHMIDT**

a benefit concert for the

Children's Miracle Network

Community Arts Center, March 27th

Tickets available at P&R, 451-0953, or on the  
website beginning February 20th.

### **"THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS"**

**April 10-12**

Tickets on sale now at 451-0953 or  
on the website

## **RECREATION & CLASSES**

**Farmington Soccer**

**Ceramics**

**Softball**

**Clogging - NEW!**

**Arts & Crafts - NEW!**

**Yoga**

**Gymnastics**

**Karate**

For detailed information  
on all recreation events and classes,  
please call 451-0953 or visit  
the website at [www.farmington.utah.gov](http://www.farmington.utah.gov)

According to Pearl S. Buck, "To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth." If she's right, then Sylvia Clark will stay youthful for a long time to come.



Sylvia Clark  
New Parks & Recreation Employee

If you ask Sylvia what her new job as Farmington's Recreation Coordinator entails, she'll almost certainly start talking about the swimming pool. If you ask her what she does for fun, she'll plunge into the same topic. Swimming is something Sylvia is passionate about, which is why she is excited for summer. As the Recreation Department prepares for another swim season, Sylvia is helping with a plan to increase the number of swimming classes offered per hour and to change pool hours to allow for slightly longer private parties.

In addition to swimming pool policy, Sylvia is also helping to re-introduce city soccer leagues to Farmington. Currently, many kids travel to Kaysville or join AYSO leagues to play. But Sylvia hopes that by offering local leagues with separate fall and spring seasons, more kids can find a team to join and stay close to home to do it.

Sylvia lives in Layton with her husband, Jared. A native of Roy, Sylvia grew up in the region and enjoys having a job that helps better the lives of her fellow community members.

Please welcome Sylvia to our City of Farmington team! We're confident you'll enjoy her energy and good ideas!

# **PARKS & RECREATION**

720 West 100 North 451-0953





# DON & LEAH MORGAN

Bringing Years of Good Spirit to Farmington

It feels almost like another world, a world beyond the rushed hum of interstate traffic or the heavy clamor of machinery as it levels the ground for another housing development. A quieter world. A world maybe the mountains remember, and maybe a few long-time Farmington residents like Don and Leah Morgan.

Though most all Farmington residents cherish the rural roots of the community, few can recall the feel of wind against their face as they rode bicycles down a dirt road called Clark Lane to Old Lake Park, the former location of Lagoon. Few get a faraway look in their eyes as they reminisce about rollerskating along sidewalks that bordered sleepy city streets. Fewer still can remember the knock of hungry men fresh off the trains and in search of generosity in the form of a meal.

But Leah Morgan can remember. Her childhood played out on the bygone stage of old Farmington. In those days, the corner of State Street and Main was the center of Farmington business. Farmington Grade School, where Leah attended, sat at the top of the hill. The neighborhoods were quiet. And friendly. And caring.

Though Farmington's rhythms may have changed, the traits of friendliness and caring still characterize this town and its residents. Leah's husband Don, who feels that 66 years of residing in Farmington entitle him to call it home, is quick to point out that continuity doesn't happen by accident. Preserving a way of life amid change requires vision and fortitude on the part of city leadership-something he observed frequently in his work in city park maintenance and then as City Recorder.

In 1942, when Don and Leah made Farmington their permanent home, it was Don's position as a civil engineer for the Department of Defense (DOD) at Hill Air Force Base that brought them. In 1975, after 33 years of continuous service, Don retired from the DOD. But he wasn't retired for long before an invitation came to begin work for the City of Farmington, a period of life Don recalls fondly.

Over the years, Don watched various mayors, including LeGrande E. Gregory, Gordon Van Fleet, and E. True Johnson work to keep the citizens' tax load light while welcoming the kind of development that improves quality of life and has kept Farmington in pace with the times. He enjoyed working closely

with city manager Max Forbush and city treasurers Ernestine W. Hold and Lynette Bingham, whose commitment to maintaining the city's character while allowing necessary change has been unwavering.

Don and Leah smile as they reminisce about the old days. Even after many recent travels through the Western states, they're always thankful to come home-home to a place that holds their personal histories, home to a place where neighborliness and civic pride remain defining features.

Don and Leah Morgan--thank you for bringing years of good spirit to Farmington. ■



**FAQ**

Is Farmington going to sponsor its own soccer league?

(look on page 6 for the answer)

## PUBLIC HEARING:

### Consideration of Proposed Amendments to FY 08 City Budgets

A public hearing to consider a number of proposed amendments to the FY 08 City budgets will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at the Farmington City Hall, 130 North Main Street. A copy of the proposed changes are available upon request to the City's Finance Director.

## Come Run with Us!

### Farmington Festival Days Races

5k - 10k - Half Marathon

Saturday, July 12, 2008

\*\*\* New this year \*\*\*

NO Race Day Registration

Earlier Start Times

Half Marathon 6:30 am

5k/10k 6:45 am

Event Timing managed by Stride Racing

### DAVIS WEBER EAST-WEST Transportation Study Open House

**DAVIS**  **WEBER**  
EAST - WEST TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Wednesday, February 20th

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Clearfield City Offices



Information: 801-388-1839 or [udot.utah.gov/daviswebereastwest](http://udot.utah.gov/daviswebereastwest)

## FAQ: Answer

Yes it's true, Parks and Recreation is bringing soccer back to Farmington. Registration will begin Monday, March 17th. Cost for residents will be \$35 plus an additional \$10 one-time uniform fee. Non-resident costs will be \$50 plus a \$10 one-time uniform fee. Games will be held at local school and park locations that are in the process of being finalized. Feel free to call Parks and Recreation at 451-0953 anytime Monday - Friday between 8am and 5pm if you have questions or for more information.

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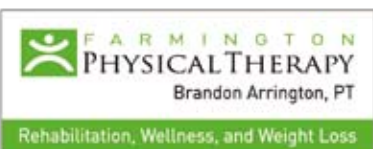
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